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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR NORTHEAST TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MOUNT PLEASANT, TEXAS, October 11, 2005—USDA Rural Development presented the Northeast Texas Community College with \$269,000 through the agency's Community Facilities Loan and Grant Programs. The funds will be used to construct an educational outreach center on the Pittsburg campus in Camp County. The facility will consist of five classrooms including a computer lab, a conference room, and a commercial kitchen.

"This funding will make it possible for the Northeast Texas Community College District to expand educational opportunities into Camp County," said Daniel. "USDA Rural Development is committed to providing assistance to rural towns and communities to help them ensure the prosperity of their citizens."

The goals of USDA Rural Development's Community Programs are to enhance the economic opportunities and quality of life for residents of rural communities through loan and grant programs that create or improve telecommunications, community facilities, and water and waste systems. These programs are important because they supply a number of growth opportunities to communities with improved utility facilities, increased job availability, and technology and educational resources. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development's Community Programs have awarded \$868 million for these purposes, and touched the lives of more than 840,000 households in the process.

USDA Rural Development strives to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Mount Pleasant office at 903-572-5411, Ext. 4 or visit us on the web at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>. #



(L to R) Don Williams, Mount Pleasant Rural Development Manager and Nancy Hendley, Area Rural Development Director present Dr. Charles Florio, President of Northeast Texas Community College, Sharla Trimm, Grant Coordinator and Johnathan McCullough, Development Officer with a ceremonial check for \$269,000 to be used for a new educational outreach center in Camp County, Texas.

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